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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I suggest that the engines with search lights are likely to give rise to more frequent accidents. That is the trouble with regard to the motor cars carrying bright lights which have the effect of dazzling people and bringing them more within the zone of accidents."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Veterinary.

Alleged compulsory inoculation against rinderpest.

322 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that compulsory inoculation has been enforced in some taluks against rinderpest, and if so, in how many taluks;

(b) how many veterinary assistant surgeons have been working in each of such taluks;

(c) whether any more hands have been posted to those taluks to cope up with the work of compulsory inoculation; and

(d) if not, why not?

A.—(a) Yes; in 15 taluks at different periods.

(b) The touring veterinary assistant surgeons in whose jurisdiction the taluks lay attended to inoculation with the help in some cases of assistants not otherwise engaged from elsewhere.

(c) & (d) Eight.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Condition of the Ghat road from Charmadi to Mysore.

323 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to his answer to question No. 1081 given on 21st October 1924 (XX-932 and 989) and to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that since the present monsoon broke out, the Ghat road from the Charmadi village to the frontier of the Mysore territory has been in a most unsatisfactory condition practically impossible for even carts to use except at great damage to conveyance and injury to bullocks;

(b) whether this state of disrepair is brought about every year; and

(c) whether considering the importance of this main artery of traffic as recognized in the report of the president of the district board (XX-989), what steps Government have taken or are going to take in conjunction with the district board for placing the route in a suitable condition for traffic?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) The District Board should take the necessary action as the road in question is a second-class road. The Government, however, propose to give a grant of Rs. 30,000 in the current year to the South Kanara District Board for the repair of damage to second-class roads.

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Depressed classes.*Government grants to the Depressed Classes Mission in Mangalore.*

324 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) what are the various grants-in-aid which Government have given to the Depressed Classes Mission in Mangalore during the last three years for maintaining the following institutions:—

- (i) free day and night schools;
- (ii) boarding houses;
- (iii) industrial workshops; and
- (iv) settlements;

(b) what is the grant-in-aid given to various institutions maintained by the Catholic and Protestant Missionary Societies for the elevation of the depressed classes in South Kanara;

(c) whether the Educational authorities have been approached by the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore, for grants in connexion with the scheme as to adult education among depressed classes and, if so, how far Government propose to comply with their requests; and

(d) what steps the Labour department has taken or proposes to take for the vocational education of the depressed classes either by starting their own schools or aiding depressed class mission institutions or other such missionary institutions in South Kanara?

A.—(a) The following grants were paid to the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore, in the years 1922-23, 1923-24 and 1924-25—

Items.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
(i) Free day and night schools (seven schools, two of these were closed in 1924-25).	1,752 (T) 165 (F)	1,644 (T) 3,943 (B)	1,159 (T)
(ii) Boarding houses	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Industrial Workshops	1,480	625	625
(iv) Settlements—Deepening of wells in three settlements.	2,715
(v) Miscellaneous (half the cost of eye treatment of an Adi-Dravida boy).	43

(b) The following grants were paid to schools maintained by the Catholic and Protestant Missionary societies during the last three years:—

Name of Mission.	1922-23	1923-24.	1924-25.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
(i) Roman Catholic Mission—Thirteen Adi-Dravida schools—Teaching grant.	..	181	761
(ii) K.E. Mission—Three Adi-Dravida schools—Teaching grants.	144	263	418

(c) The Secretary of the Depressed Classes Mission has submitted an application to the Director of Public Instruction for grants-in-aid for adult education among the depressed classes. The application is under consideration.

(T) represents Teaching grants; (B) represents Buildings grants; (F) represents Furniture grants.

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- (d) The Labour department has been paying grants towards the maintenance of the carpentry workshop attached to the Court Hill School under the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore. That department does not propose to take any further steps at present towards the vocational education of the depressed classes in South Kanara.

Court of Wards and Zamindars.

Purchase of a bungalow for the Sivaganga Zamindar.

325 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether agreeably to the promise made by Sir Arthur Knapp the Government have looked into the papers relating to the purchase of a bungalow for the Sivaganga Zamindar at Madras and, if so, with what result?

A.—The Government have looked into the papers and find the Court of Wards was guided by professional advice as to the valuation of the property.

Kist due from Sivaganga estate.

326 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the kist instalments due from the Sivaganga estate for fasli 1334 were paid on due date; otherwise to give the several dates of payment; and also whether interest was charged on overdue payments;

(b) what is the actual amount of debt standing on 1st July 1925, who the creditors are, and what amount of interest the debts carry;

(c) whether there is any arrangement for the repayment, if so, what; and

(d) what is the actual amount of maintenance paid to the zamindar per month?

A.—(a) The kist instalments of Sivaganga for fasli 1334 were paid within the fasli. The Government does not know the exact dates of payment of the various instalments.

(b) The outstanding debts are Rs. 5 lakhs due to the Imperial Bank of India with interest at 7 per cent per annum and Rs. 3 lakhs due to the Government with interest at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum. A sum of Rs. 38,000 is outstanding towards interest.

(c) The debts will be repaid from the surplus income of the estate. The Court of Wards proposes to pay during the current fasli the interest on the two loans and Rs. 1 lakh towards the Government loan.

(d) Rs. 8,000 per mensem.

Land Revenue.

Remission on certain portions of fields in waste wet lands.

327 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the resolution of this House regarding the remission of kist on portions of fields in waste wet lands was approved of by Governemnt;

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- (b) whether the Government have issued any orders on the same ; and
 (c) whether he will place the same on the table of this House ?

A.—(a) The Government were unable to accept the recommendation made

- (b) & (c) The Board's report, dated 2nd December 1924, with the orders of Government thereon ^a is laid on the table.

Cultivation of assigned darkhast lands.

328 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to refer to the speech of the hon. Member Khan Bahadur Haji Abdulla Sahib on pages 830-31 of Vol. XXII of this Council's proceedings and my speech on 17th March 1925 (Vol. XXIII, page 143) in which attention was called to darkhast lands assigned lying long uncultivated and to state—

(a) what steps Government have taken or contemplate taking in order to see that they are brought under cultivation within a reasonable period to be fixed by the Collector as suggested in the former's speech ; and

(b) whether Government are going to release such areas outside of the lands reserved for Adi-Dravidas for the benefit of ex-service men and poor landless villagers and poor workmen other than Adi-Dravidas ?

A.—(a) A report has been called for from the Collector of South Kanara.

(b) The suggestion is under enquiry.

Panchayat Courts.

The Mangalore Village Panchayat Court.

329 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in regard to the Mangalore Village Panchayat Court—

(a) what is the extent of its local jurisdiction ;

(b) what is the number of members of the Court ;

(c) what is the number of suits filed and in arrears and disposed of in each of the years of 1922, 1923 and 1924 ;

(d) what its establishment consists of and what is the pay of each member of its establishment ;

(e) whether there have been complaints as to the insufficiency of its establishment and its pay and what orders Government have passed or propose to pass ;

(f) what is the quantity and the value of the various items of stationery (like pens, pencils, paper, nibs, blotting paper) given each year to the establishment ; and

(g) whether there have been complaints as to the insufficiency of the stationery given to this Court ; what orders have been passed ?

A.—The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Mr. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI :—“ May I suggest, Sir, that it would be conducive to greater convenience if these questions and answers are distributed to us the previous evening. We generally come here about five minutes to eleven and we cannot go through all these questions. I do not think it will be in any way difficult to get these printed for delivery the previous day.”

^a Printed as Appendix V on page 545 infra.

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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I do not know what the Government will say in the matter. But this has been a practice of some standing ; even from days before the present Reforms, we used to place the answers half an hour before the President takes his seat and now it is done one hour before. As a matter of fact it is with the greatest difficulty that we obtain these answers. Sometimes we get them on the very morning of the day on which they have to be placed on the table. I happen to know for the answers relating to two or three days the Government have had to pay overtime. The Superintendent, Government Press, refused to print them without the sanction for overtime, and sanction was obtained yesterday and it is likely to be so for the remaining two days also. Printing on the previous day, I suppose, will mean that we should have to forego answers to several questions ; I mean several questions would be delayed if they are to be given a day sooner. Anyhow, it is a matter to be considered.”

Mr. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI :—“ If a few questions are delayed, it would be very much more convenient, because the Government would not have to answer so many questions at a time. But I am sure we will be better informed on these questions if they are sent one day earlier.”

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

* The hon. Sir U. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ As you very rightly said, Sir, I may also say that the practice has been of some duration. 12-15 p.m. If I may be allowed to say so, Government will look into this matter and see whether it is feasible to have the questions printed and distributed earlier.”

* Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ I cannot support the suggestion made by my hon. Friend here. Sir, the practice in the House of Commons is, as you are aware, that starred questions are orally answered, even questions which are circulated previously. Generally, oral answers are given by the Member or the Minister when the questions are put. If we are to adopt this suggestion, we will be instituting a practice contrary to that in the House of Commons.”

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DATES OF THE NEXT SITTINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ I think, Sir, at one time, Members of this Honourable House were anxious to know when the next sittings of the Legislative Council would be held. I believe, Sir, information is at the disposal of the hon. the President.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I thank the hon. Member. I propose to inform hon. Members when we shall meet on the next two occasions. As matters stand at present, and with reference to the engagements of all concerned, I propose to adjourn the session, when we adjourn next week, to October 28th, Wednesday ; and in that month, October 30th and October 31st will be non-official days. A rule has recently been made by the Government of India, which will be communicated to hon. Members, that the allotment of non-official days cannot be changed from day to day without the sanction of the Local Government. And as hon. Members, especially the Leader of the Opposition, wanted to know beforehand what days would be allotted, I am saying this with the permission of His Excellency the Governor who has allotted these days, October 30th and 31st. The next meeting after that